

**SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT;
PORTAL-TO-PORTAL ACT AMENDMENTS**

Committee on Rules: granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing for consideration in the House of H.R. 3448, Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, without the intervention of a point of order except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting unfunded mandates). The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means shall be considered as read and all points of order are waived against said substitute except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The rule provides that the bill and committee amendment shall be debatable for one hour, divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The previous question is considered as ordered on the bill and the committee amendment to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. The rule further provides that the provisions of clause 5(c) of rule XXI (requiring a three-fifths vote on bills, amendments, and conference reports containing income tax rate increases) shall not apply to the bill, amendments thereto, or conference reports thereon.

After the disposition of H.R. 3448, it shall be in order to consider in the House, H.R. 1227, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer-owned vehicles, without intervening point of order except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting unfunded mandates). The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, as modified by the amendment printed in section 3 of the rule adding a short title, is considered as adopted.

The previous question is ordered without intervening motion except: (1) ninety minutes of debate divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; (2) an amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Riggs of California or his designee, debatable for ninety minutes; (3) an amendment printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Goodling of Pennsylvania or his designee, debatable for one hour and subject to a division of the question between subsection 3(d) (small business exemption) and the remainder of the amendment; and (4) one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The rule provides that each amendment made in order is considered as read, is not subject to amendment or point of order, except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 3448, the Clerk shall await the disposition of H.R. 1227 and shall add the text of H.R. 1227 as passed by the House. Finally, the rule provides that upon the addition of the text of H.R. 1227 to the engrossment of H.R. 3448, H.R. 1227 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling and the following Representatives: Fawell, Hutchinson, Lightfoot, Dickey, Campbell, Quinn, Shays, English of Pennsylvania, Shaw, Clay, Rangel and Neal of Massachusetts.

Joint Meetings

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1617, to consolidate Federal employment training, vocational education, and adult education programs and create integrated statewide workforce development systems, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, May 23.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D465)

S. 641, to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990. Signed May 20, 1996. (P.L. 104-146)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1996**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1511, to impose sanctions on Burma, 8:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine security in cyberspace, 8:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Small Business, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to strengthen, expand, and improve the Small Business Investment Company program, and to consider the nomination of Ginger Ehn Lew, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, time to be announced, SR-428A.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Produce, hearing on seafood inspection programs, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, to markup appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 4 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, to continue markup of the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, hearing and markup of H.R. 3431, Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Improvement Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Conditions within the District of Columbia Department of Corrections, 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on the following: Electronic Reporting Streamlining Act of 1996; and H.R. 3189, to delay the privatization of the Office of Federal Investigations of the Office of Personnel Management in order to allow sufficient time for a thorough review to be conducted as to the feasibility and desirability of any such privatization, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Current Human Rights Situation in Africa, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Forced Migration in the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine, hearing on H.R. 2754, Shipbuilding Trade Agreement Act, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on compensation, Pension, Insurance and Memorial Affairs, to markup the following bills: H.R. 3458, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996; H.R. 2513, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for burial benefits to include certain veterans who die in State nursing homes; H.R. 3493, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the provision of funds in order to provide financial assistance by grant or contract to legal assistance entities for representation of financially needy veterans in connection with proceedings before the United States Court of Veterans Appeals; and H.R. 3495, to extend the time for the submission of the final report of the Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on welfare reform, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on H.R. 3107, Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.